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Waldheim and Union Skirmish Over Secretary Jailed in Poland

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UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., May 8 — Alicja Wesolowska, the United Nations secretary who has spent nearly two years in Polish jails on unspecified charges of spying, appears to be one brief step from freedom. United Nations officials said her ap-

Notes on the U.N. appeal for clemency has been approved by a sub-committee of the Polish State Council, but for some reason, the Council

has not acted on the recommendation.

The delay has prompted the labor union that represents United Nations staff members to urged Secretary General Kurt Waldheim to "take a public stand" now that his efforts at "quiet diplomacy" have failed.

Mr. Waldheim has retorted that he has urged in vain that United Nations observers attend Miss Wesolowska's trial and visit her to determine the state of her health. He has also called for clemency.

The union is also disheartened by the fact that Poland's Supreme Court will not hear Miss Wesolowska's appeal of her conviction. In addition, friends in Poland have told the union leaders that Miss Wesolowska's liver, gallbladder and throat were damaged when she was force-fed during a hunger strike.